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GIVE THANKS

Dear fellow Saints of God,

One word you learn quickly to say as a pastor is, “thanks” or two, I guess, with “thank you.” It was like this ten years ago when I was first a pastor and now as I begin to serve here at St. John’s. Saying “thanks” acknowledges the appreciation one has been shown by another be it in the form of a gift, service, or whatever. For me and my family, we have been saying “thanks” a lot as of late for all the generosity shown to us as you have welcomed us to our new home and congregation.

Now, we might be thinking to ourselves, “great another thanksgiving article for November” and this is true! But, in all seriousness, there’s a reason why we as a nation stop and set aside a time to give thanks. Beyond the secular holiday, as we think about what it means for us as Christians to know and live a thankful life, it is good for us to reflect on what God teaches in the Holy Scriptures.

The Christian life is a life of thanksgiving. It’s a life looking and living outside of ourselves. It has been wonderful to receive the gifts given to my family and me this past month. Giving a gift to another person reflects the reality that God has created us, and he is the one who gives us every good and perfect gift. In James 1 God says, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures” (James 1:17–18).

When we consider our lives in relation to God, we also see gifts in this life and into eternity. The gifts of creation such as daily bread which includes “everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body” (See SC on the Lord’s Prayer, “Fourth Petition” and the First Article of the Creed). God gives those things to us graciously out of his hand because of his mercy toward us in Christ. Even unbelievers receive these temporal things in this life. Realizing this, knowing where this all comes from, why, and giving thanks back to God is what the Christian does. Something as simple as giving thanks before a meal confess this in our lives and teaches our children to do the same. Psalm 145:15–16, which is often recited as a part of the prayer before a meal, summarizes God’s work well as we receive our daily bread, “The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.”

There is more than just receiving temporal things for our bodies, there is also the thanksgiving the Holy Spirit places upon our lips as live in faith toward God. Proclaiming his deeds, that is confessing him, is giving God thanks. Passages like 1 Chronicles 16:8-9 show us this when it says, “Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!” Psalm 9:1 also summarizes this well when David proclaims, “I will give

thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.” Our confession of Christ and his word is a form of thanksgiving and praise. The great canticles of the Bible and hymns of the church understand this, and it forms what we say and how we say it.

We also are to thank God in all circumstances, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–19). Sometimes this is hard for us to hear because there are times when we either don’t feel very thankful or our hearts are quite the opposite of giving God thanks. Like times of trial, testing, and suffering, though, fixing our eyes on Christ crucified for us we have reason to give thanks even if it may not appear to be the case at this moment. The Christian’s gaze, our gaze, is always on the horizon just as Jesus teaches us about the end time in Luke 21 when he said, “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Our redemption is drawing near and for that we give thanks to God.

Knowing that we belong to Jesus, and he is coming soon we hear those words from St. Paul and see what our lives in Christ look like as he wrote, “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:5b–7). Giving thanks to God we pray to our gracious Lord, which by its very nature looks outside of ourselves to God.

Going into November and reflecting upon thanksgiving in our society and our Christian lives, what a joy it is to thank God who has given us all things. He has given the food we have on our tables, the clothes on our backs, each other, and he has given us eternal life in Christ. As the baptized people of God, we are thankful as we live in faith toward him and in fervent love toward one another.

Your brother and servant in Christ



HYMN OF THE MONTH **“BEHOLD A HOST ARRAYED IN WHITE” (LSB 676)**

The Feast of All Saints’ Day (November 1) is one of the principal feast days of Christ that we celebrate during the church year. It is a day in which we remember the saints who have gone before us and are with Christ (the Church Triumphant), joined with the present and future Church on earth (the Church Militant) that continues to bear the crosses of suffering placed for us. It is comforting to know that we are in one communion with those saints who are in heaven, especially as we partake in the Lord’s Supper, the “heavenly banquet of the blest” as we sing in this hymn of the month.

“Behold a Host Arrayed in White” (LSB 676) was written by Hans Adolph Brorson (1694-1764). The text has both a sacramental and eschatological nature which supports the union between the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant. With regards to the eschatological vision, we see the picture of the saints surrounding the throne of God and participating in the “heavenly banquet,” which is the marriage feast of the Lamb that has no end. This present term “now” is used throughout the first stanza to express that even now as we are here on earth, the saints are continually praising God with the angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven.

Stanza 2 describes the suffering that these saints endured here on earth. They were “despised” and “scorned,” rejected among many for their belief in the Christian faith. These saints, known as the “priestly

band” and “martyrs,” really refers to all believers who endured afflictions in their life, just as we presently do now. Through Christ’s work of redemption and through His sacraments, these saints were “cleansed from guilt and shame” in the “flood of Jesus’ blood” and freed from all their fears. The white garment referred to in this hymn is likened to a white baptismal gown, depicting the righteousness we receive. This transformation from “strife to heav’nly life” takes place by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Our eternal life in heaven is the fulfillment of our life of faith that is fed by Word and Sacrament. Though we benefit from God’s gifts of grace here and now as we live by faith, the true fulfillment of eternal life is in heaven. As the saints before us, we continue through these bitter years through the “steep and narrow path” as our Lord sustains us with His Word. We will find our complete relief in heaven when we leave this valley of sorrow for our Sabbath rest in our true home with God, the “myriad angels,” and those “blessed saints in bright array” who all join in the “happy throng” rejoicing in “our Redeemer’s song.” Join us this All Saints’ Day as we remember those who have gone before us, and as we give thanks to God for what He has done for them and continues to do for us by His grace through faith on account of Christ our Savior.

Bethany M Johnson



Thank you for your support for St. John’s Music Academy

Check us out on Facebook!

Interested in private lessons for piano, organ, trumpet, violin or flute? Contact Bethany Johnson
(bjohnson@stjlcms.org)

**ST. JOHN’S MUSIC ACADEMY
“MEDITATIO” IN MUSIC**

Among the other pieces of method instruction for their instruments, students at St. John’s Music Academy also learn from some of the greatest treasures of church music. Here is a snippet of the “meditatio” (a theologian’s meditation on God’s Word) that takes place during the lesson and while playing music:

We are coming up on the Advent season, so of course the Advent hymn from the “Hymns of the Season” book was appropriate to begin learning: “Jesus, Came the Heav’ns Adoring” (LSB 353). The minor key of this hymn reflects the depth of Christ’s humility that He chose to come to us from heaven down to earth in order to die for us. While the heavens adore Him, so we too honor Him with our “Alleluias” as we sing in this hymn. This tune, like other Lutheran hymns, ends with a descending line, symbolizing God coming to us.

We encourage all children of God to delight in His gift of music for us! For more information on SJMA, please contact Bethany Johnson (bjohnson@stjlcms.org) or visit our website: <https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/sjma/>

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DIVINE SERVICE AND COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, 7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

On the evening of Tuesday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. we will gather in the courtyard to celebrate the Feast of All Saints and for our annual Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. The Commemoration will take place at the start of the Divine Service. The names of those from our parish whom the good Lord in His mercy has called to Himself since last All Saints' Day will be read out loud. We want everyone to know that this is the only time that we will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints and commemorating the faithful departed. We encourage everyone in the congregation attend, especially those who have lost loved ones in the last year.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 AT 2 A.M.

Set your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday evening, November 5.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST IN NOVEMBER

Our next monthly breakfast will be potluck on Sunday, November 13. Enjoy food and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. Sunday school will be held for the youth. Also, plan to stay for our Partnership and Budget Hearing in Luther Hall.

2023 BUDGET HEARING, NOVEMBER 13 AT 9:45 A.M.

A budget hearing will take place Sunday, November 13 between services at 9:45 a.m. in the nave. The purpose of this meeting is to hear what is being proposed to bring before the Voters for final approval on Sunday, November 20. Questions and comments are encouraged, but no formal action will be taken at the hearing.

VOTER'S MEETING

Our next scheduled voter's meeting is set for Sunday, November 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Nave. Items of business will include:

1. Reports from Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Board Chairs
2. Presentation of the Proposed 2023 Congregational Budget for voter approval
3. Presentation of the ballot of nominees for congregational officers and board members for 2023

Our constitution defines "voting member" as a communicant member who has reached the age of 18 years and been received as a voting member upon application for such privilege and approval of the voters of the assembly. **We encourage all eligible St. John's members to join the voters assembly.** If you would like to become a voting member of our congregation, you can contact the office, pastor, or your elders to get instructions on how you can become a voter.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: BUDGET AND RECEIPTS REPORT

In an effort to keep our congregation informed about our financial situation, the Board of Stewardship has agreed to publish monthly budget reports. These reports are designed to give you a snapshot of our congregational support of the budget adopted by the voter's assembly for 2022. We hope that you will find this information useful.

YTD Projected Budget Receipts through September 2022	\$557,434.00
Actual Receipts through September 2022	\$508,148.55
Year to Date Receipts Over (Under) Budget	\$(49,194.45)

SHARE THE HARVEST

This year, St. John's members will again have the opportunity to "Share their Harvest." This donation goes to local agencies to assist the needy in the Topeka area. Please use the "Share the Harvest" designated offering envelope from your contribution envelopes. "Share The Harvest" donations may be left in the offering plate or sent to the office by Sunday, November 27. Through "Share the Harvest" we can direct those in need of assistance to a local agency that we support. Last year, \$1257 was distributed in support of Topeka Rescue Mission (25%), Let's Help (25%), Doorstep, Inc. (25%), and St. John's Human Care (25%). We deeply thank you for your contribution to this human care effort. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

THANKSGIVING GIFT CARDS/POINSETTIA DELIVERY

At Thanksgiving time, the Welfare Fund provides gift card assistance to members who have needs. If you wish to contribute to this cause, please make your check payable to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church with "Welfare" on the memo line. If you would be willing to deliver poinsettias during the Christmas season, contact Pam Harms at pharms@stjlcms.org or call her at the church office at 354-7132 ext. 102.

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION

Young adults (20s and 30s) are welcome to join a monthly book discussion on "Provoking Proverbs." Interested? Contact Bethany Johnson for more information (bjohnson@stjlcms.org).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help with church upkeep. Volunteers are needed 1-2 times a month to assist in cleaning the Nave, bathrooms, and Sunday School rooms (wiping tables and

chalk boards, etc.). Many hands make light work! Consider contacting the church office if you are willing to volunteer.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s St. John’s Golf Scramble. We greatly appreciate the sponsors, players, and St. John’s youth volunteers and supporting the event.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the baby shower! I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank you so much to everyone who was there in spirit! Everyone’s gifts and cards mean so much to us as we get ready to welcome the newest Kastner member into the world. With the Joy of Jesus - *Beatrice Kastner*

ST. JOHN’S WOMEN’S LEAGUE

St. John’s LWMLW would like to thank all who attended our annual LWML Sunday breakfast. We also want to thank all those who helped in any way to prepare and clean up afterward.

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Ladies of all ages, we invite you to check out our circles, we have a good time of fellowship with bible study.

Sarah circle meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for bible study, a short meeting and fellowship.

Dorcas circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. for bible study, a short meeting and fellowship.

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Final numbers for The Caring Mission Committee Health kits (44) and School kits (94) this year and 100 plus quilts with 40 going to Orphan Grain Train and other to local organizations. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

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November Mites Highlight from the Kansas District LWML Mites? What are mites?? Mite boxes are used to put spare change or any amount in which we give to fund all our Mission Grant projects to the Kansas District LWML and the National LWML. As you leave church on the first Sunday of each month, you will see Mite boxes at each door. Any amount you drop will go to these projects.

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Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW), Yucaipa, California \$6,000 The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers is to share the Good News found in Jesus to people who are blind or visually impaired, free of charge. This money would provide special paper, book bindings, ink, etc., to ministry production centers within the LWML Kansas District. St. John’s Topeka, has a chapter or Lutheran Braille If you would like more information, contact Eileen Klumpp.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we ask your presence to be with Lutheran Braille Workers and their ministry to produce Braille and specialized large print Bibles and Christian materials. Amen

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The Spring LWML Topeka Zone Rally will be held April 2023 at St. John’s LCMS in Topeka, Kansas. Registration and Servant Event will begin at 9am with the meeting following at 10:00 AM.

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Donations for quilt projects continue to be accepted. Items needed at this time are bed sheets of any size or color. Thank you in advance to anyone who donates. If you enjoy working with your hands and like to do quilts, the group is meeting the first and third Thursdays of the month in the undercroft of church beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come join and enjoy sister fellowship.

Mission Statement *Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Lutheran Women's, Missionary League Kansas District will nurture, motivate, and prepare The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod women to serve the Lord with gladness.*

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

Youth in grades 6–12 will be having a yard clean up afternoon on Sunday, November 6. Meet at St. John's at 2:30 p.m. and then we will head out to one of our St. John's members in need of yard clean up, returning to St. John's at 5:00. Snack will be provided.

Youth in grades K–5 will have another VBS day on Sunday, November 27 from 3–5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! Our youth Christmas party will be Sunday, December 4. We will be adopting a family to provide Christmas presents. Keep an eye on the bulletin and youth board for details and how you can shop for our adopted family members. We will wrap the presents at the Christmas party and enjoy food and fun.

FROM OUR MISSIONS



Thank you for your gift of \$900 for the Old Latin School. We are very grateful for your support and wish you a very blessed fall and happy Thanksgiving! Kind regards from the Luther city. – Angelika and Wilhelm

Wir lernen Deutsch

Learning German with Dr. Angelika Weber is popular with Ukrainians, Malagasy, and Tanzanians. Wittenberg offers courses with long waiting lists. Getting going is far better. [Angelika tells more.](#)



65+ bikes for Ukrainians

A colleague of Angelika Weber has collected more than 65 bicycles for the refugees. Our guests in the Old Latin School have also profited as our backyard on church square.

DOORSTEP NEWS

Doorstep would like to thank each and every person who has donated to, or volunteered time towards Doorstep in some way this year. Their new HVAC system is being installed now! For the remainder of the year, Doorstep will focus on its Christmas Project, which takes place December 11 - 16. They are using the same process and gifts/food as last year, but are adding clothing to what the adopted households will receive.

This year Doorstep will add clothing for as many adoptees as they can, but are not purchasing any additional clothing items as they will also receive \$20 gift cards per person.

Doorstep will adopt 260 households and 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau. Adopted households will receive Doorstep's regular Christmas food package, a \$20 gift card for each family member, a health kit, blanket or quilt, a household item (such as coffee pot, crockpot, sheet set), school supplies, gifts and toys for household members and clothing.

What is needed right now?

Volunteers! With the addition of clothing, Doorstep has created several volunteer slots to help organize and shop for the households.

The Christmas Project takes place Sunday, December 11 through Friday, December 16. Please consider volunteering during these days.

Bring donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, Ks 66604. Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm, south door. Please let us know your donations are for Christmas!

Items Currently Needed for Christmas:

- **Full/Queen and King Blankets (new)**
Please NO THROWS. We do not have many blankets at this point, and we need 260!
- **Crockpots, Skillets and Cookware, Baking Sets, Small Laundry Baskets** and cleaning supplies (All-purpose cleaner, laundry soap & softener, dish soap, rags, scrubbing pads, window cleaner) (new)
- **Basketballs, Footballs & Soccer Balls** – Regular Size
- **Monetary Donations**
to purchase the gift cards, food and any of the above items that are not donated. You can mail your tax deductible donations to: Doorstep, Inc. 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604 or go to www.doorsteptopeka.org to donate.

TLS NEWS



Update - TLS \$20,000 Match Gift Opportunity – Thanks to the generosity of the TLS families and friends, the school has received almost \$11,500 in match gifts! We are less than \$8,000 away from making the goal of raising an additional \$20,000 to match the initial gifts of \$20,000. If you can help, please mail to TLS, or go to www.topekalutheran.org / donate to make an online gift. Thank you for your continued support!



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for generations to come
Topeka Lutheran School

PRAYER

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name. You have created all things visible and invisible and continue to uphold the universe with Your Mighty Hand. As we continue to wind down the Capital Campaign, we thank You for all that has been done and the people that have supported the campaign with their time, money and talents that they have so freely given over the past three years. Remember also our Topeka Lutheran School, it's principal, teachers and support staff as they work to continue teaching the children You have entrusted to them and us. All this we ask in Christ's Name, Amen.

SUPPORT TOPEKA LUTHERAN TODAY! CLICK TO DONATE.

<https://www.topekalutheran.org/pledge-tracker>

TOTAL COMMITMENTS

Total Amount Committed: \$846,943

Total Pledged Gifts Received: \$841,152

Total # of Pledges Received: 125

Thank you to those donors and friends who have extended their capital campaign gifts through the end of this year!

TLS UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 4: Family Movie Night/Campout
- November 11: Veterans Day Celebration! Invitations will be mailed early November.
- November 13: TLS Sunday at Faith Lutheran
- November 23-25: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
- Save-the-Date
 - December 13: K-8 Christmas Concert
 - December 15: K-8 Caroling at Topeka Public Library

TLS GGC BUILDING UPGRADE COMMITTEE

The committee met on Oct 17 to review estimates for additional lighting, fencing, signage, security cameras, and redesign of the west entrance. These upgrades were recommended following an on-site safety assessment made late June by KS Dept of Education. The committee's recommendations will be presented to the TLS LSAT Board of Directors and forwarded to TLS Foundation Directors for final approval to proceed. Completion of these upgrades will address the Facility Goal of the Growing God's Children for Generations to Come capital campaign, and related costs will be covered by the balance of gifts received for this campaign.

TLS MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY!

As previously announced, two generous donors have come forward to bless the ministry of TLS and families, friends and alumni now have the opportunity to match their gifts for an additional \$20,000! With gifts received over recent weeks, the goal of an additional \$20,000 is within reach! Can you help? Gifts can be made online at www.topekalutheran.org/donate - or to mail, please make check payable to Topeka Lutheran School, 701 SW Roosevelt St., Topeka KS, 66606.

Thank you for your support!



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for generations to come*
Topeka Lutheran School

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JOHNSON

TLS faculty participated in the annual LCMS Teacher District Conference held on October 10 and 11. Mrs. Banion, and Mr. and Mrs. Grass were presenters on middle school education, art and music, and science.

Thank you to the members of Christ for welcoming TLS students and families on October 23 to join in your worship services. The students sang during each service and several also shared their favorite experiences at school.

The boiler project was completed on October 14. The new boiler is now fully operational, just in time for colder weather! Thank you again to all the generous friends and families who shared a gift to help with this expense!

One of the crucifixes gifted to TLS from Pastor and Mrs. Jon Bruss can be seen on the wall just outside the front office. We are thankful for this beautiful gift which serves as a reminder of the promise of eternal life given to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU!

- To the families (and our new donors!) who generously responded to the recent \$20,000 match gift opportunity! These gifts will be a tremendous blessing to the school and we thank God for you!
- To the TLS and CYC staff and families who helped with the recent garage sales held at the former CYC site at 17th and Gage. All space is now vacant and we thank the members of Faith Lutheran Church for their understanding while leadership worked on the final steps to close the operation at this site and relocate to the TLS main campus.
- To the TLS PTL officers and to Jr Wildcat/CYC staff for hosting the recent "Pastries with Parents" and "Trunk or Treat" events. Both events were great family events and enjoyed by all!
- To the TLS families and friends who supported Oct. 18 TLS Night at Chik-Fill-a! Proceeds from that event will help with the 8th Grade Class Trip scheduled for Spring 2023.
- To the thoughtful and generous friend of TLS who has offered to collect aluminum pop cans for recycling and will donate any cash received to TLS. The Drop Off site (look for the recycling house!) is east of 18th and Gage, across the street south of Faith Lutheran Church. Slide open the top of the roof and drop in your cans for recycling! Thank you all for your support!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & DONUTS 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	31 REFORMATION 7pm DIVINE SERVICE in NAVE	1 ALL SAINTS DAY COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED 7pm DIVINE SERVICE in Courtyard	2 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 2:45pm TLS CHAPEL 5:15pm SOUND WORDS 7pm EVENING PRAYER	3 7pm TLS BOARD	4	5
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13 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:15am MONTHLY BREAKFAST 9:45am BUDGET HEARING 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE	14 6pm SARAH CIRCLE	15 4:00pm TRUSTEES 6:30pm COUNCIL	16 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 2:45pm TLS CHAPEL 5:15pm SOUND WORDS 7pm EVENING PRAYER	17 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	18	19
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27 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & DONUTS 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 3pm YOUTH K-5 EVENT	28	29	30 SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12pm ADVENT VESPERS 2:45pm TLS CHAPEL 5:15pm SOUND WORDS 7pm ADVENT EVENING VESPERS	1 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7pm TLS BOARD 7:15pm KANTOREI	2	3



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THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19–20a)
 So that we may obtain faith in Christ, God instituted the ministry of teaching the gospel and administering the sacraments. Through the gospel and sacraments, as through means, God gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when He wills, in those who hear the gospel. (*Augsburg Confession*, Article 5)